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# THE TRANSFORMERS™

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MONSTER

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Starring SKULLGRIN

# TRANSFORMERS™

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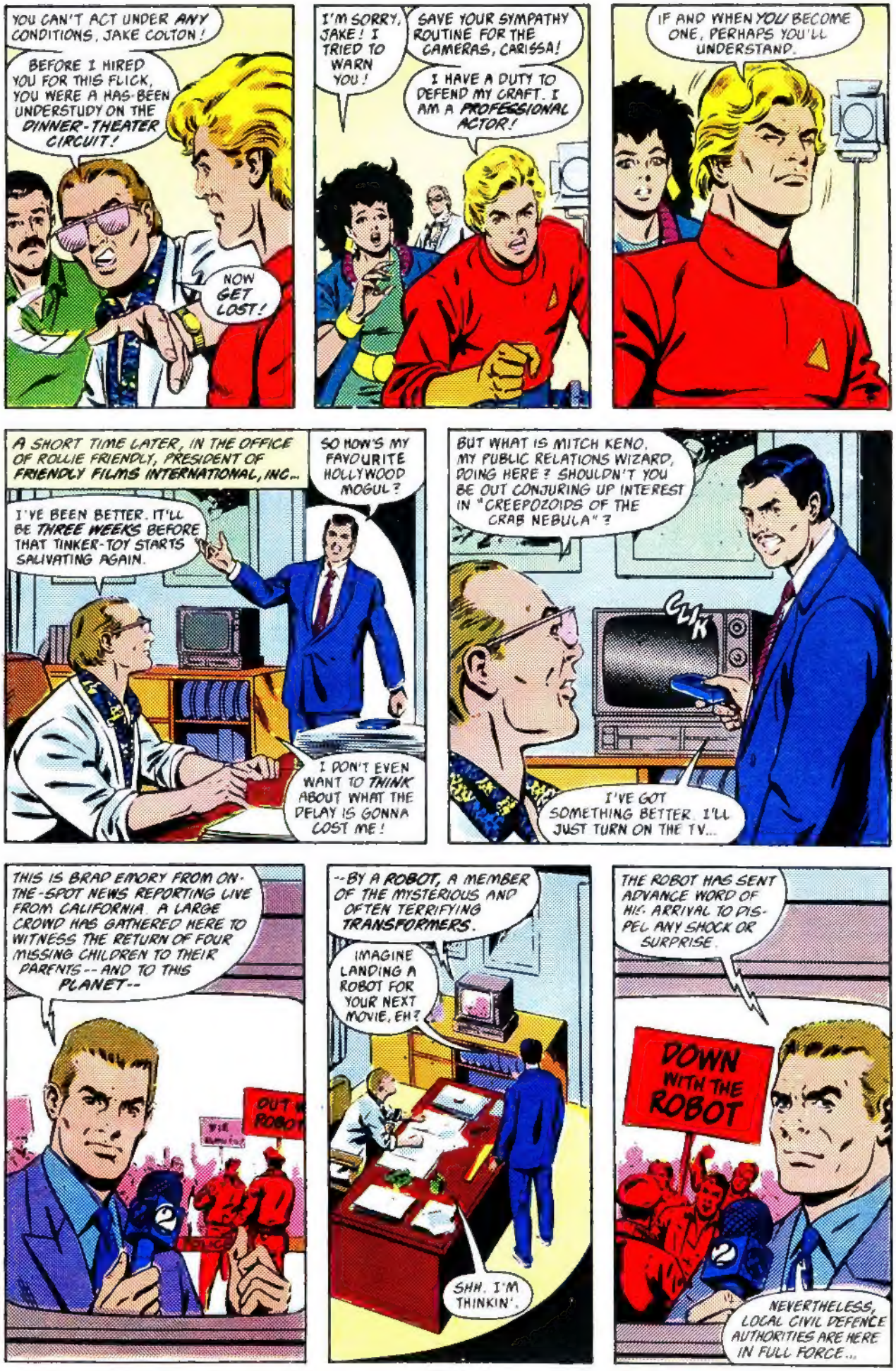
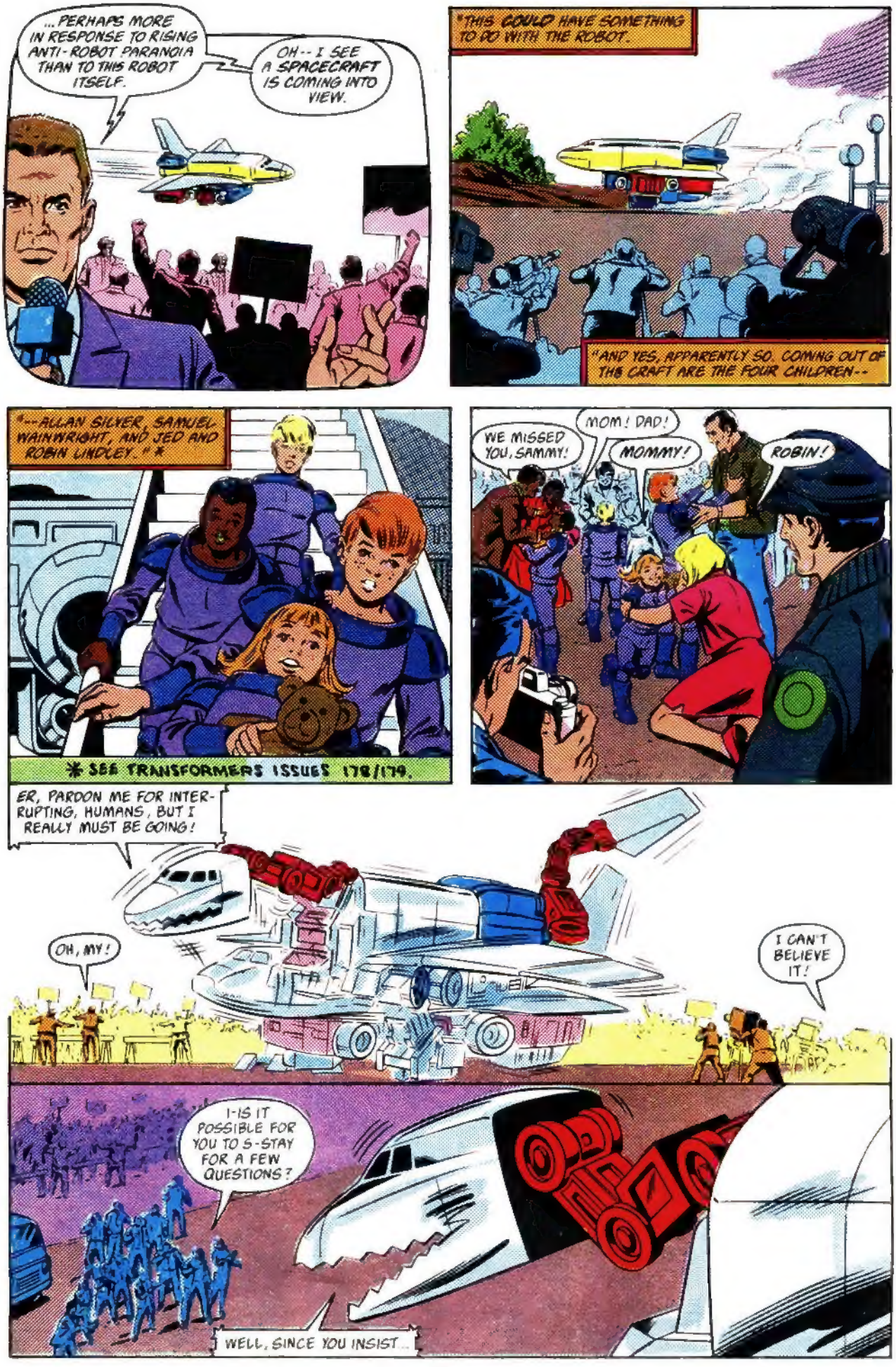
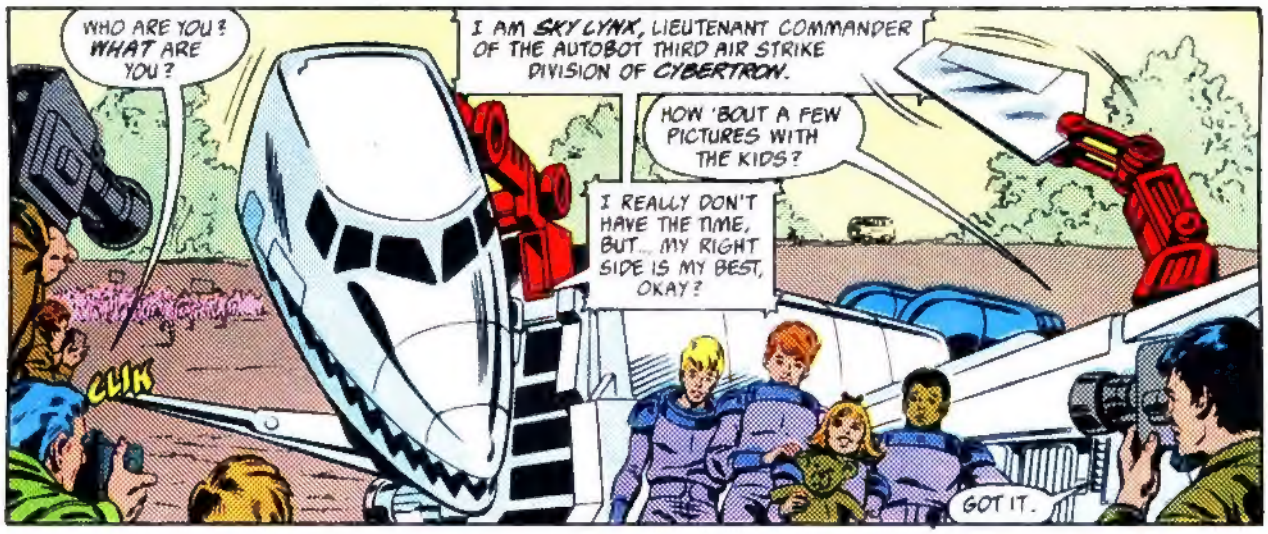
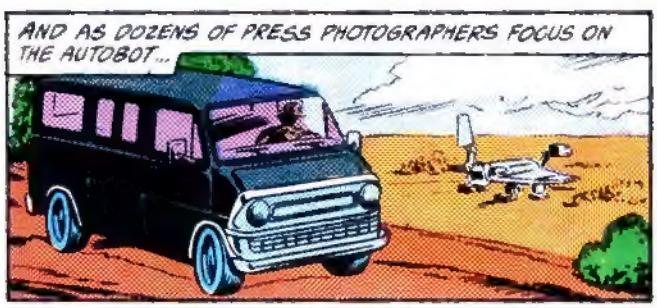
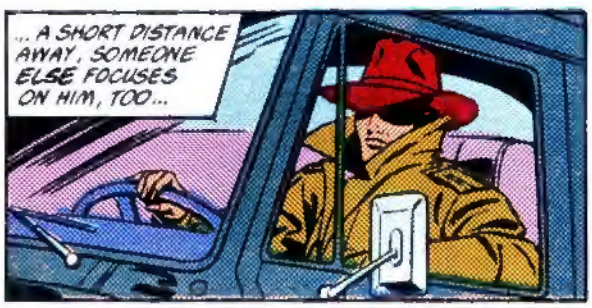
K-PUTT K-PUTT
DON'T WORRY, CELESTIA, I'LL --
HUH?!
SPSSS NPOP
THIS ISN'T IN THE SCRIPT!
PTUIEEE
OHH...
HSSSS
CUT! CUT! CUT!!
STOP THE CAMERAS!
SOMEONE CLEAN THIS MESS UP! NOW!!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY MORE! I WON'T!
JAKE, I WOULDN'T SPEAK TO ROLLIE NOW--
JAKE!
YOU'RE THE PROPS MANAGER! EXPLAIN WHY I SHOULDN'T FIRE YOU RIGHT NOW!
W-WELL, MR FRIENDLY, APPARENTLY A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE HYDRAULICS--
ROLLIE, I CAN'T ACT UNDER THESE INTOLERABLE WORKING CONDITIONS!


YOU CAN'T ACT UNDER ANY CONDITIONS, JAKE COLTON!
BEFORE I HIRED YOU FOR THIS FLICK, YOU WERE A HAS-BEEN UNDERSTUDY ON THE DINNER-THEATER CIRCUIT!
NOW GET LOST!
I'M SORRY, JAKE! I TRIED TO WARN YOU!
SAVE YOUR SYMPATHY ROUTINE FOR THE CAMERAS, CARISSA!
I HAVE A DUTY TO DEFEND MY CRAFT. I AM A PROFESSIONAL ACTOR!
IF AND WHEN YOU BECOME ONE, PERHAPS YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.
A SHORT TIME LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF ROLLIE FRIENDLY, PRESIDENT OF FRIENDLY FILMS INTERNATIONAL, INC...
SO HOW'S MY FAVOURITE HOLLYWOOD MOGUL?
I'VE BEEN BETTER. IT'LL BE THREE WEEKS BEFORE THAT TINKER-TOY STARTS SALIVATING AGAIN.
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THE DELAY IS GONNA COST ME!
BUT WHAT IS MITCH KENO, MY PUBLIC RELATIONS WIZARD, DOING HERE? SHOULDN'T YOU BE OUT CONJURING UP INTEREST IN "CREEPOZOIDS OF THE CRAB NEBULA"?
CLIK
I'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER. I'LL JUST TURN ON THE TV...
THIS IS BRAD EMORY FROM ON-THE-SPOT NEWS REPORTING LIVE FROM CALIFORNIA. A LARGE CROWD HAS GATHERED HERE TO WITNESS THE RETURN OF FOUR MISSING CHILDREN TO THEIR PARENTS -- AND TO THIS PLANET --
--BY A ROBOT, A MEMBER OF THE MYSTERIOUS AND OFTEN TERRIFYING TRANSFORMERS.
IMAGINE LANDING A ROBOT FOR YOUR NEXT MOVIE, EH?
SHH. I'M THINKIN'.
THE ROBOT HAS SENT ADVANCE WORD OF HIS ARRIVAL TO DISPEL ANY SHOCK OR SURPRISE.
DOWN WITH THE ROBOT
NEVERTHELESS, LOCAL CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITIES ARE HERE IN FULL FORCE...

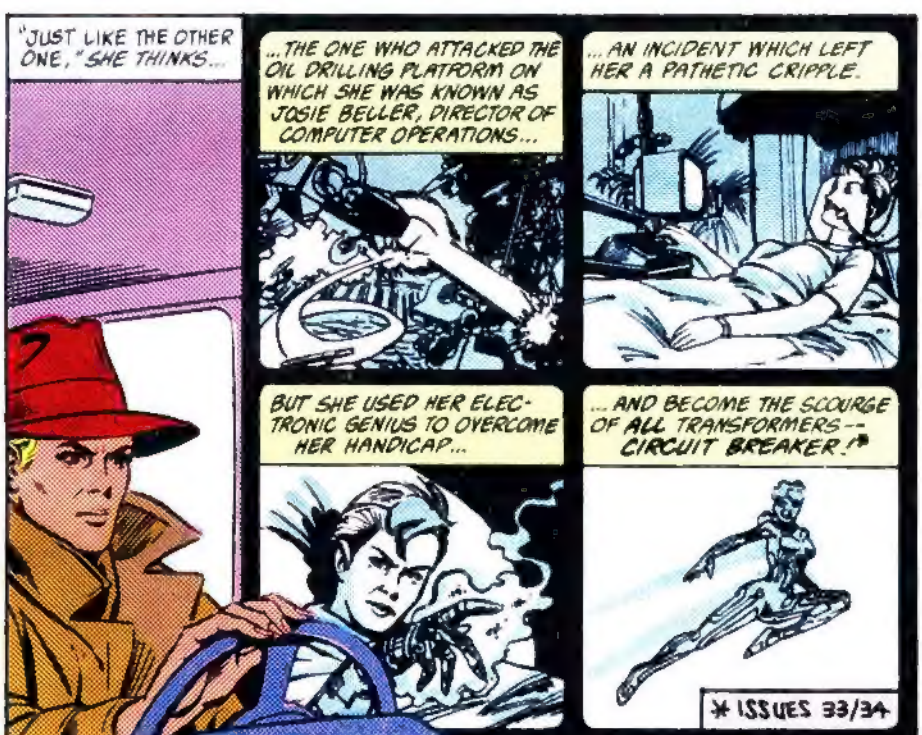

...PERHAPS MORE IN RESPONSE TO RISING ANTI-ROBOT PARANOIA THAN TO THIS ROBOT ITSELF.
OH--I SEE A SPACECRAFT IS COMING INTO VIEW.
"THIS COULD HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE ROBOT.
"AND YES, APPARENTLY SO. COMING OUT OF THE CRAFT ARE THE FOUR CHILDREN--
"--ALLAN SILVER, SAMUEL WAINWRIGHT, AND JED AND ROBIN LINDLEY." *
* SEE TRANSFORMERS ISSUES 178/179.
WE MISSED YOU, SAMMY!
MOM! DAD!
MOMMY!
ROBIN!
ER, PARDON ME FOR INTERRUPTING, HUMANS, BUT I REALLY MUST BE GOING!
OH, MY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
I-IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO S-STAY FOR A FEW QUESTIONS?
WELL, SINCE YOU INSIST...


WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU?
I AM SKY LYNX, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER OF THE AUTOBOT THIRD AIR STRIKE DIVISION OF CYBERTRON.
HOW 'BOUT A FEW PICTURES WITH THE KIDS?
I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE TIME, BUT... MY RIGHT SIDE IS MY BEST, OKAY?
CLIK
GOT IT.


AND AS DOZENS OF PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS FOCUS ON THE AUTOBOT...


...A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY, SOMEONE ELSE FOCUSES ON HIM, TOO...

A ROBOT. A STINKING, LOUSY ROBOT.


"JUST LIKE THE OTHER ONE," SHE THINKS...
...THE ONE WHO ATTACKED THE OIL DRILLING PLATFORM ON WHICH SHE WAS KNOWN AS JOSIE BELLER, DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS...
...AN INCIDENT WHICH LEFT HER A PATHETIC CRIPPLE.
BUT SHE USED HER ELECTRONIC GENIUS TO OVERCOME HER HANDICAP...
...AND BECOME THE SCOURGE OF ALL TRANSFORMERS -- CIRCUIT BREAKER!*
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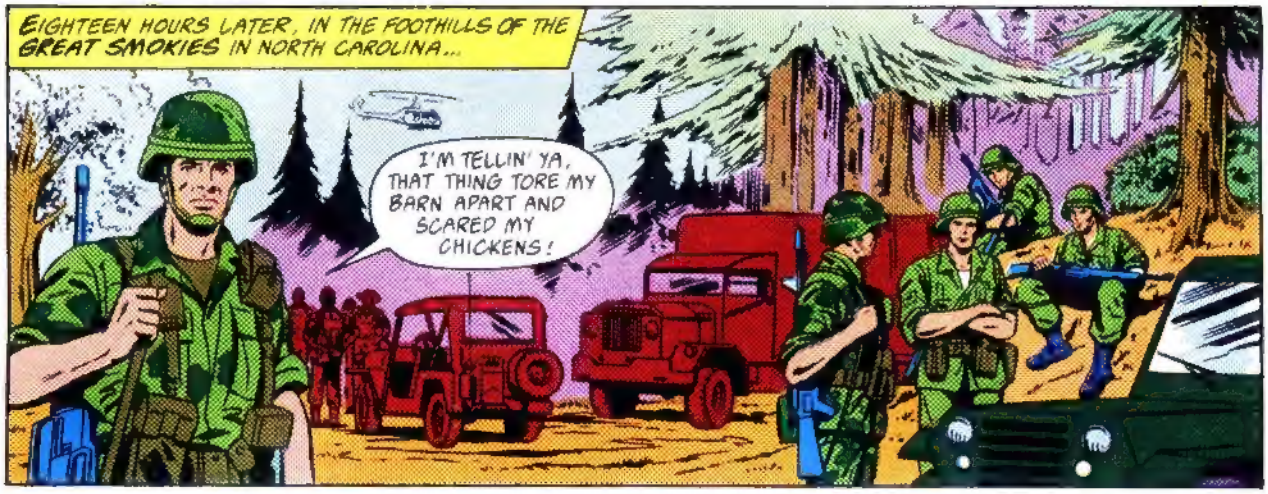
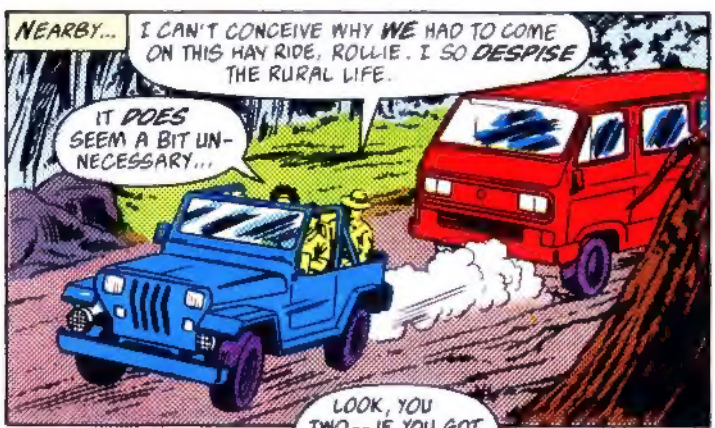
YOU SHOULDN'T GO SHOOTING YOUR MOUTH OFF ABOUT YOUR WHEREABOUTS, ROBOT.
NOT IF YOU WANT TO STAY IN GOOD WORKING ORDER...

MEAN-WHILE...
SMASH IT! KILL IT!
OFF THE AUTOBOT!
LET 'EM RUST
PECK THE ROBOTS
LEAVE OUR KIDS ALONE!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU HUMANS?
I DO YOU ALL A FAVOUR...
...AND YOU TREAT ME LIKE I HAVE A CONTAGIOUS SCRAPLETS INFECTION!
I HAD THOUGHT BETTER OF YOU...
...BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG.
BLAST!
SO? WHAT DOES THAT PROVE -- THAT ROBOTS ARE UNPOPULAR?
MY LAST FEW MOVIES HAVE BEEN UNPOPULAR ENOUGH WITHOUT THEM!
ER, YES... I'VE SEEN THE GROSSES.
BUT I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA.
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS? THIS COULD BE THE STAR OF YOUR NEXT MOVIE, ROLLIE!
INQUISITOR
BIG FOOT SIGHTED
YOU CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE THE PAGE NUMBERS IN THIS RAG, MITCH!
THE PROPS MANAGER TOLD YOU THREE WEEKS TO PROTECT HIS JOB, IT'LL BE AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE CREEPOZOID DROOLS AGAIN -- IF HE DOESN'T BLOW A FUSE.
THE INQUISITOR
BIG FOOT SIGHTED
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT -- A LITTLE BACKPACKING WON'T KILL ME. SEE TO THE ARRANGEMENTS.

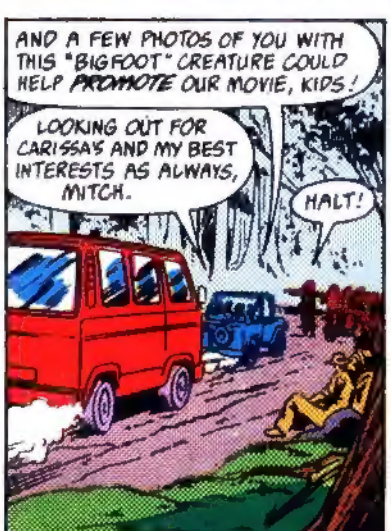

EIGHTEEN HOURS LATER, IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE GREAT SMOKIES IN NORTH CAROLINA...
I'M TELLIN' YA, THAT THING TORE MY BARN APART AND SCARED MY CHICKENS!

THEY WON'T LAY EGGS NO MORE! NOW, WHAT YOU BOYS GONNA DO ABOUT IT?
I'M SORRY, SIR. THIS NATIONAL GUARD UNIT HAS ORDERS TO SECURE THIS AREA. NOTHING ABOUT CHICKENS.
PERHAPS IF YOU WROTE YOUR CONGRESSMAN ...OR FRANK PERDUE...

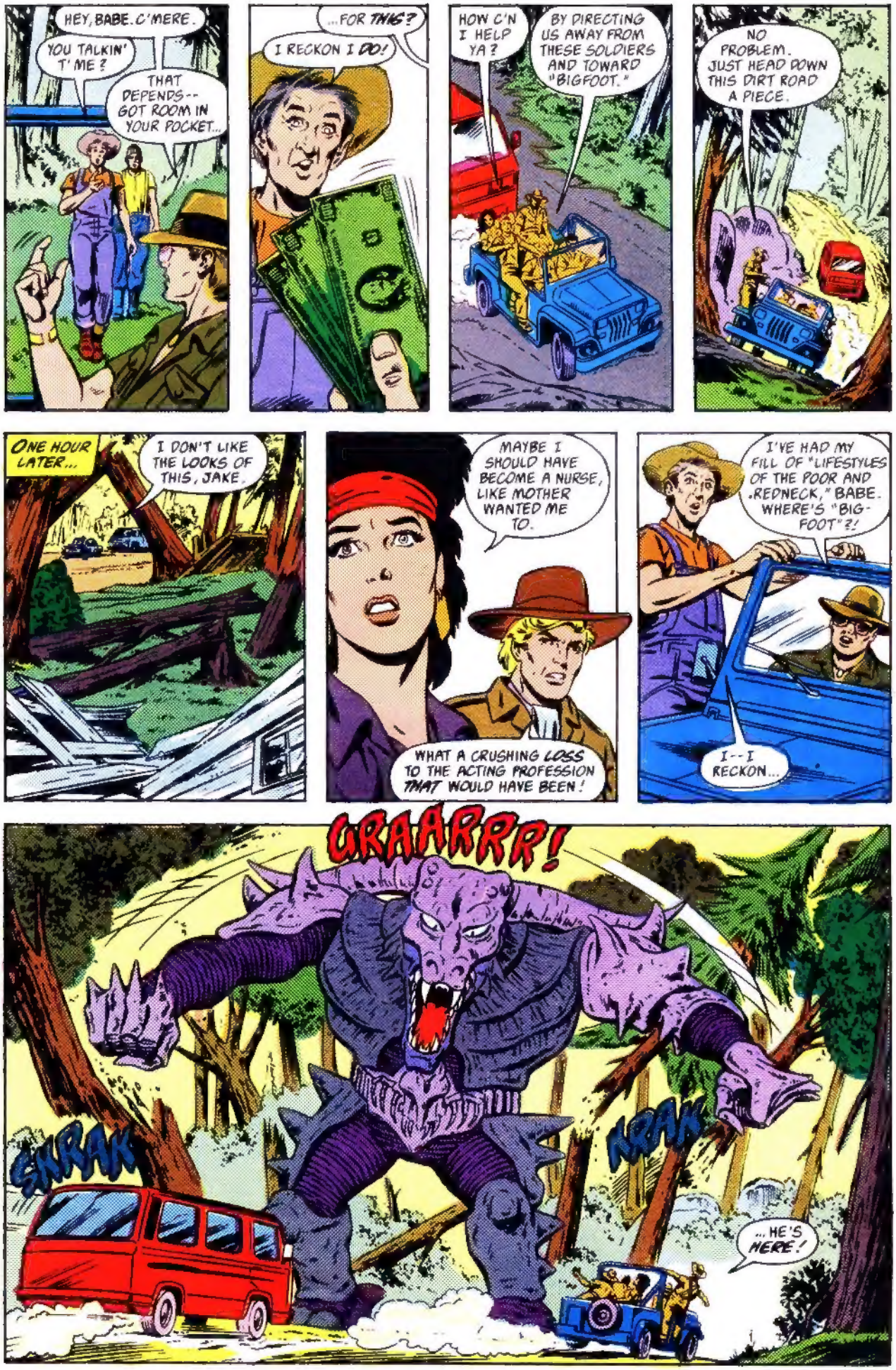

NEARBY...
I CAN'T CONCEIVE WHY WE HAD TO COME ON THIS HAY RIDE, ROLLIE. I SO DESPISE THE RURAL LIFE.
IT DOES SEEM A BIT UNNECESSARY...

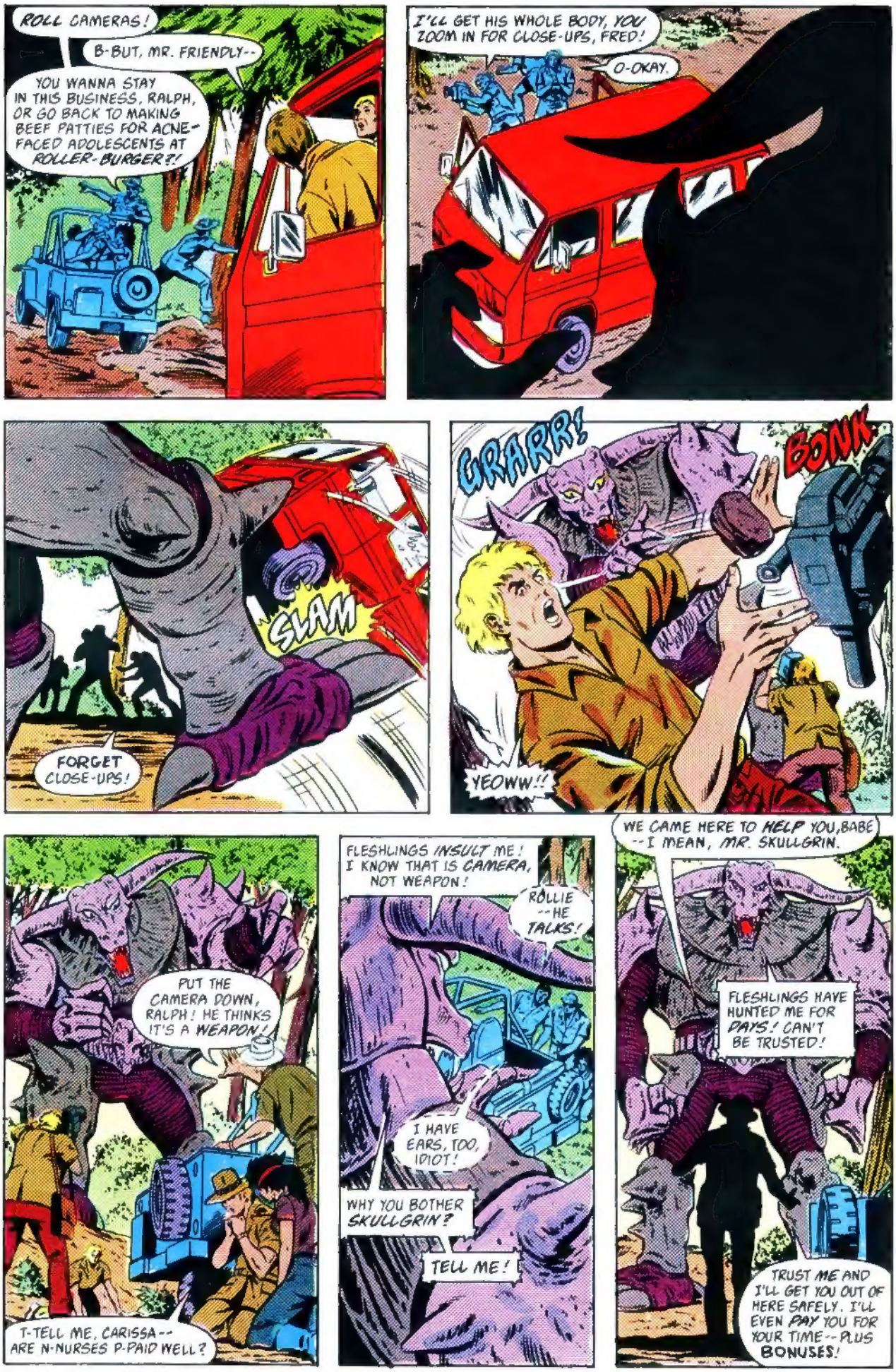
LOOK, YOU TWO-- IF YOU GOT A BETTER OFFER, THEN LEAVE.

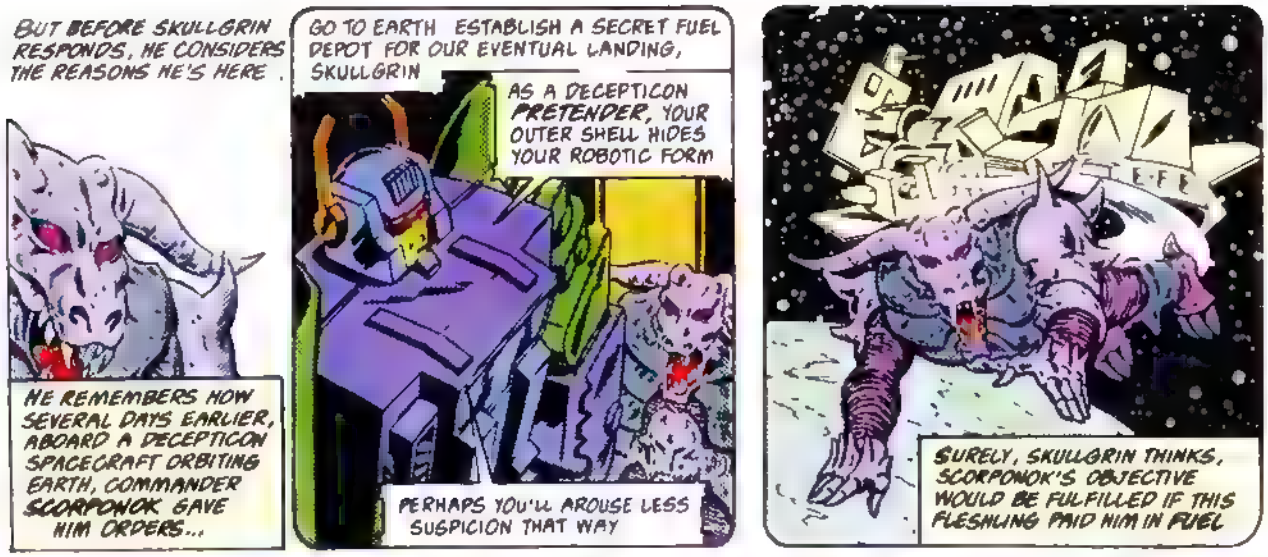
OTHERWISE, REMEMBER --YOU'RE BOTH STILL WORKIN' FOR ME!

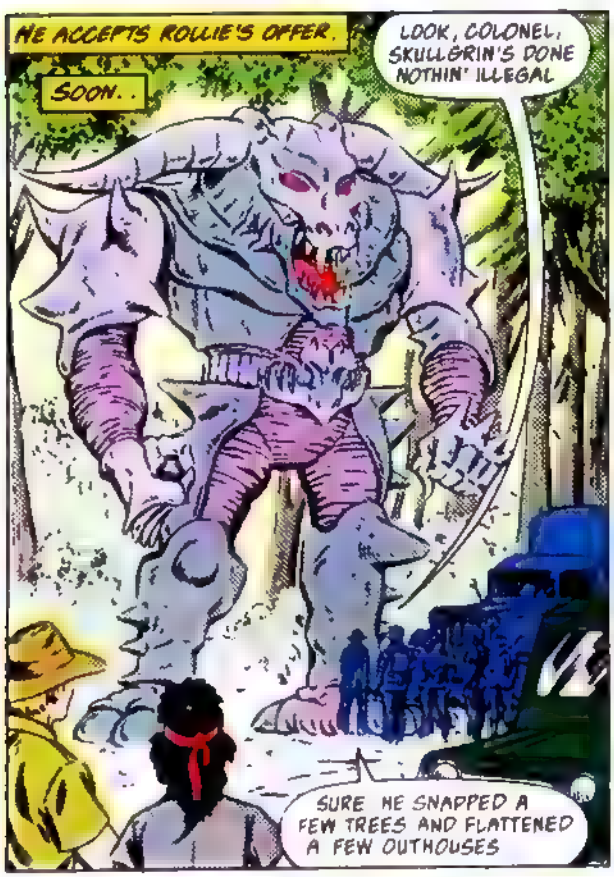

AND A FEW PHOTOS OF YOU WITH THIS "BIGFOOT" CREATURE COULD HELP PROMOTE OUR MOVIE, KIDS!
LOOKING OUT FOR CARISSA'S AND MY BEST INTERESTS AS ALWAYS, MITCH.
HALT!

THIS AREA IS RESTRICTED TO MILITARY PERSONNEL ONLY. YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK, SIR.
BUT, YOUNG MAN, WE'RE HERE TO FILM... A NEWS REPORT.
SORRY, SIR. NO EXCEPTIONS.

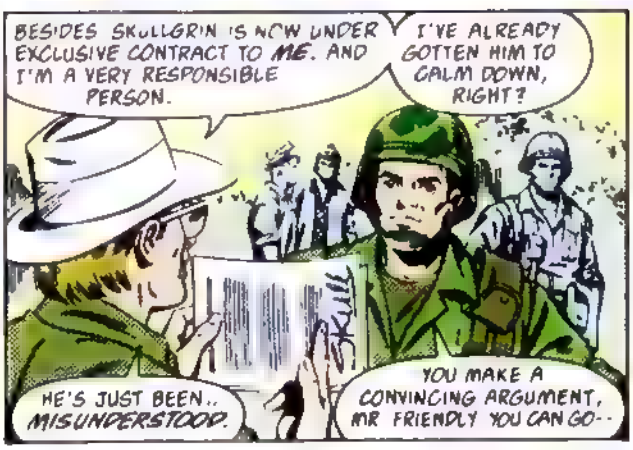

HEY, BABE. C'MERE.
YOU TALKIN' T' ME?
THAT DEPENDS-- GOT ROOM IN YOUR POCKET...
...FOR THIS?
I RECKON I DO!
HOW C'N I HELP YA?
BY DIRECTING US AWAY FROM THESE SOLDIERS AND TOWARD "BIGFOOT."
NO PROBLEM. JUST HEAD DOWN THIS DIRT ROAD A PIECE.
ONE HOUR LATER...
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS, JAKE.
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE BECOME A NURSE, LIKE MOTHER WANTED ME TO.
WHAT A CRUSHING LOSS TO THE ACTING PROFESSION THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN!
I'VE HAD MY FILL OF "LIFESTYLES OF THE POOR AND .REDNECK," BABE. WHERE'S "BIG-FOOT"?!
I--I RECKON...
GRAARRR!
SNRAK
NRAK
...HE'S HERE!


ROLL CAMERAS!
B-BUT, MR. FRIENDLY--
YOU WANNA STAY IN THIS BUSINESS, RALPH, OR GO BACK TO MAKING BEEF PATTIES FOR ACNE-FACED ADOLESCENTS AT ROLLER-BURGER?!
I'LL GET HIS WHOLE BODY, YOU ZOOM IN FOR CLOSE-UPS, FRED!
O-OKAY.
SLAM
FORGET CLOSE-UPS!
GRARR!
BONK
YEOWW!!
PUT THE CAMERA DOWN, RALPH! HE THINKS IT'S A WEAPON!
T-TELL ME, CARISSA-- ARE N-NURSES P-PAID WELL?
FLESHLINGS INSULT ME! I KNOW THAT IS CAMERA, NOT WEAPON!
ROLLIE --HE TALKS!
I HAVE EARS, TOO, IDIOT!
WHY YOU BOTHER SKULLGRIN?
TELL ME!
WE CAME HERE TO HELP YOU, BABE --I MEAN, MR. SKULLGRIN.
FLESHLINGS HAVE HUNTED ME FOR DAYS! CAN'T BE TRUSTED!
TRUST ME AND I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE SAFELY. I'LL EVEN PAY YOU FOR YOUR TIME -- PLUS BONUSES!

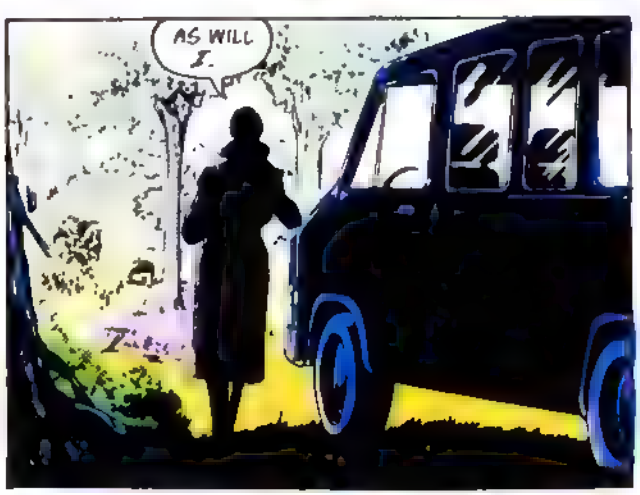

BUT BEFORE SKULLGRIN RESPONDS, HE CONSIDERS THE REASONS HE'S HERE.
HE REMEMBERS HOW SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER, ABOARD A DECEPTICON SPACECRAFT ORBITING EARTH, COMMANDER SCORPONOK GAVE HIM ORDERS...
GO TO EARTH. ESTABLISH A SECRET FUEL DEPOT FOR OUR EVENTUAL LANDING, SKULLGRIN
AS A DECEPTICON PRETENDER, YOUR OUTER SHELL HIDES YOUR ROBOTIC FORM
PERHAPS YOU'LL AROUSE LESS SUSPICION THAT WAY
SURELY, SKULLGRIN THINKS, SCORPONOK'S OBJECTIVE WOULD BE FULFILLED IF THIS FLESHLING PAID HIM IN FUEL

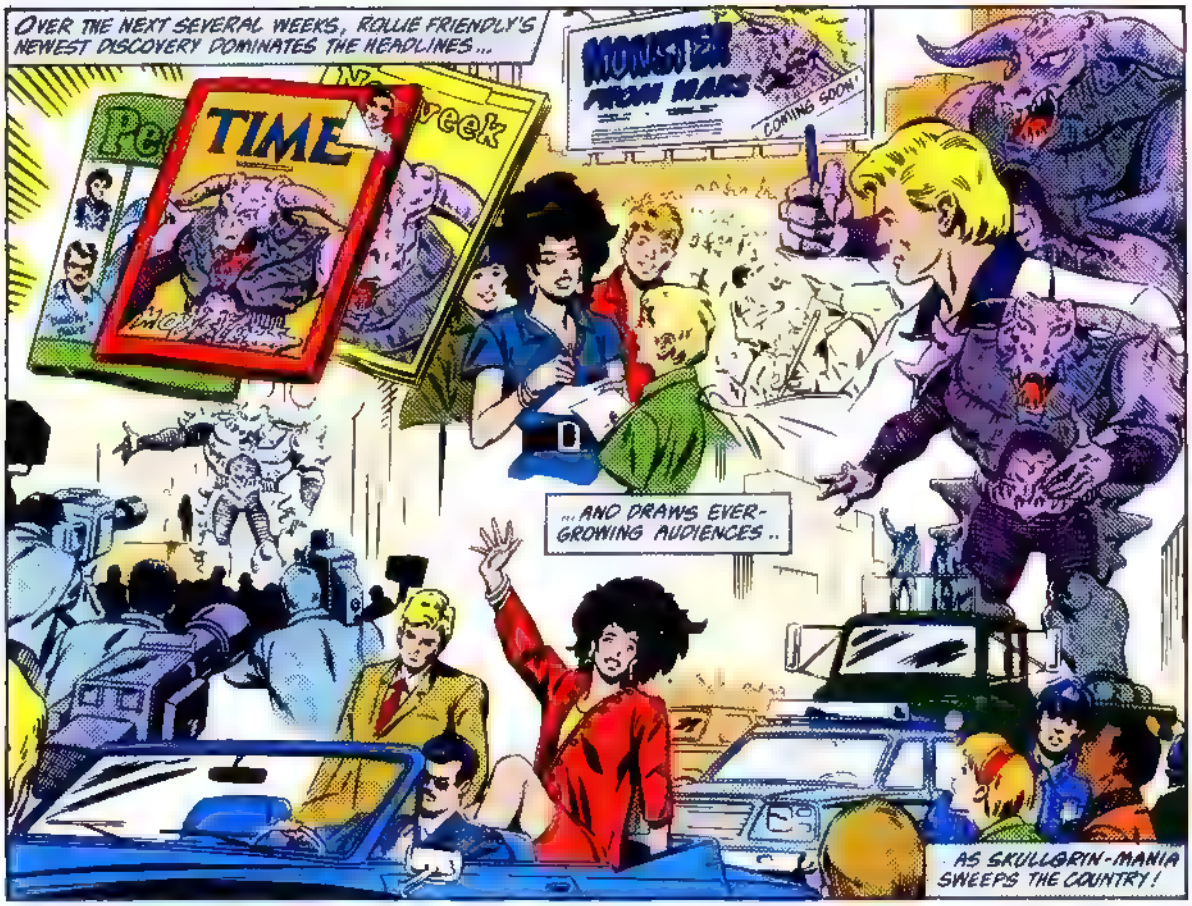

HE ACCEPTS ROLLIE'S OFFER.
SOON..
LOOK, COLONEL, SKULLGRIN'S DONE NOTHIN' ILLEGAL
SURE HE SNAPPED A FEW TREES AND FLATTENED A FEW OUTHOUSES

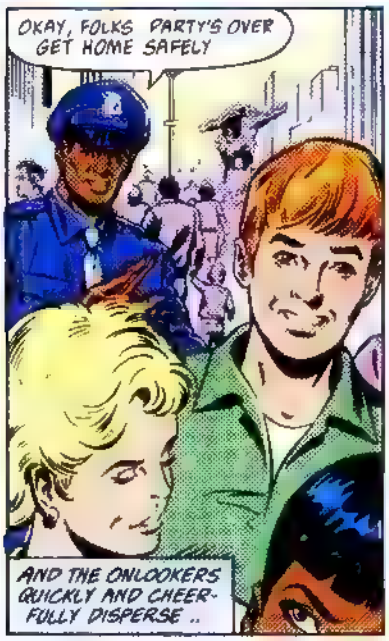
"...BUT THE OWNERS ARE BEING REIMBURSED, AND NONE INTENDS TO FILE COMPLAINTS."

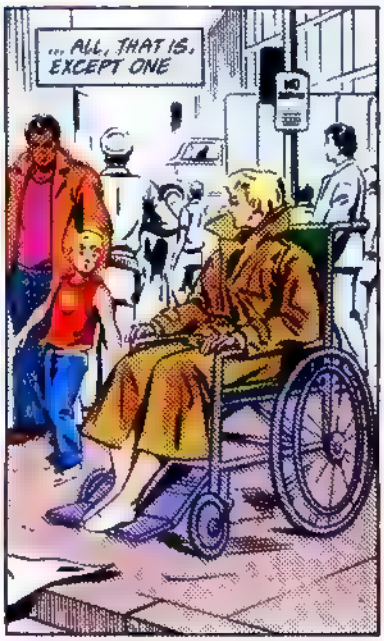

BESIDES SKULLGRIN IS NOW UNDER EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT TO ME. AND I'M A VERY RESPONSIBLE PERSON.
I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN HIM TO CALM DOWN, RIGHT?
HE'S JUST BEEN.. MISUNDERSTOOD.
YOU MAKE A CONVINCING ARGUMENT, MR FRIENDLY YOU CAN GO--

"--AND YOU CAN TAKE THE CREATURE BUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BE KEEPING ITS EYES ON YOU."


AS WILL I.


OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, ROLLIE FRIENDLY'S NEWEST DISCOVERY DOMINATES THE HEADLINES...
TIME
MONSTER FROM MARS
COMING SOON!
..AND DRAWS EVER-GROWING AUDIENCES..
AS SKULLGRIN-MANIA SWEEPS THE COUNTRY!



LATER, AT THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF FRIENDLY FILMS INTERNATIONAL, INC...
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GREAT STUFF, SKULLY-BABY, GREAT STUFF..

**NEXT: CONTRACT BREAKER!**

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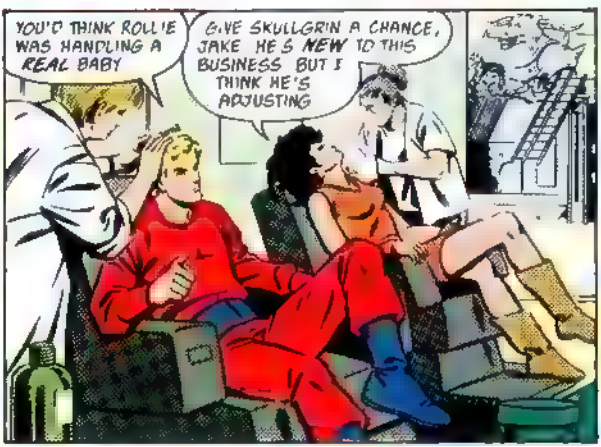
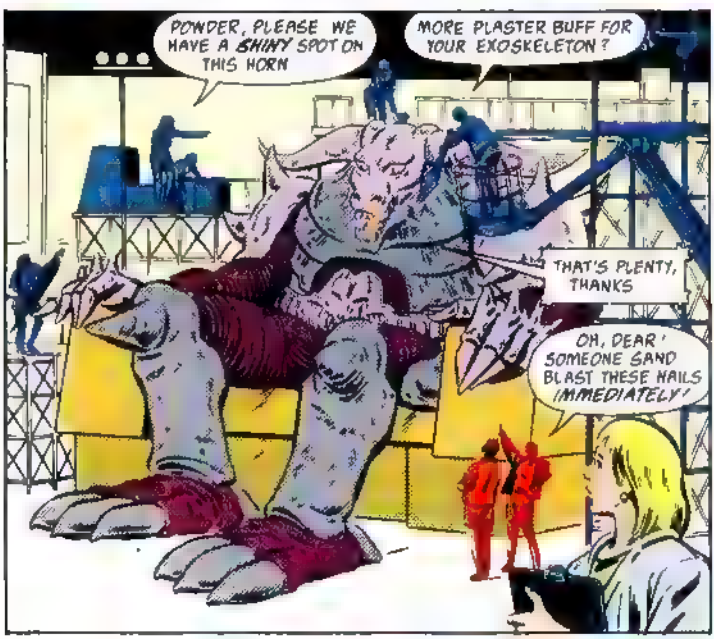
--YOU ALMOST HAD ME IN TEARS I FELT THAT SCENE LIKE IT CAME FROM YOUR HEART, OR WHATEVER IT IS YOU GOT IN THERE
BUT ON THIS TAKE, TRY A BIT MORE EYE CONTACT AS A PERSONAL FAVOUR TO ME, OKAY?
LUV YA, BABE
AND WHY SHOULDN'T I? ROLLIE TREATS THAT-- THAT "THING" LIKE ROYALTY AND US LIKE DOGS.
JAKE, YOU LOOK UPSET.
BUT SKULLGRIN'S A STAR-- HE DESERVES ALL THAT ATTENTION
NOT FROM ME
TIME OUT, BOYS AND GIRLS.

--IT'S FIFTEEN MINUTES TILL SKULLGRIN'S FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE.
CUT, EVERYONE! MAKE-UP, GET YOUR BRUSHES OUT!
WE WANT SKULLY BABY TO LOOK BE-YOO-TEE FUL FOR HIS ADORING PUBLIC!


YOU'D THINK ROLLIE WAS HANDLING A REAL BABY
GIVE SKULLGRIN A CHANCE, JAKE HE'S NEW TO THIS BUSINESS BUT I THINK HE'S ADJUSTING

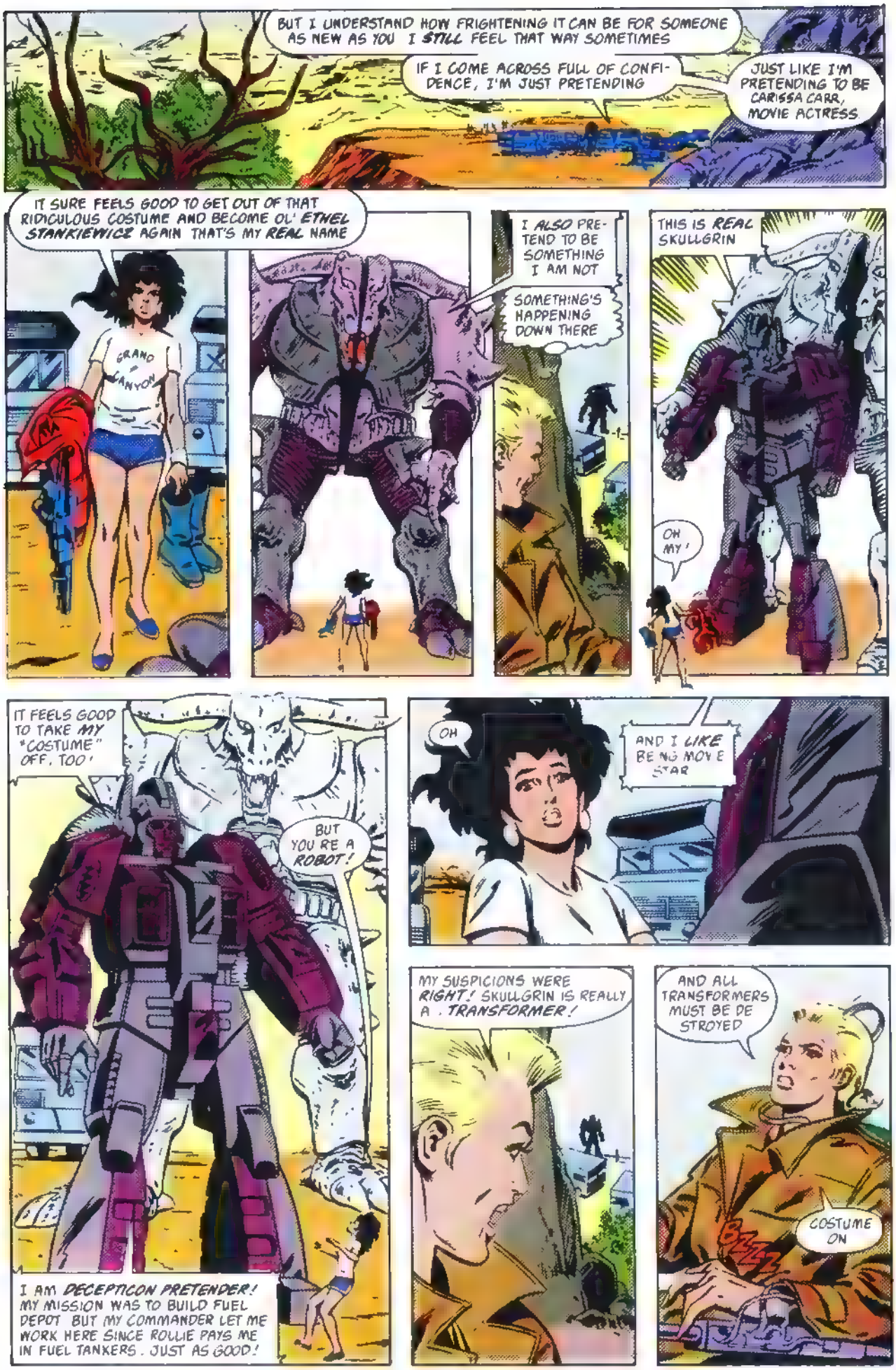

POWDER, PLEASE WE HAVE A SHINY SPOT ON THIS HORN
MORE PLASTER BUFF FOR YOUR EXOSKELETON?
THAT'S PLENTY, THANKS
OH, DEAR! SOMEONE SAND BLAST THESE NAILS IMMEDIATELY!

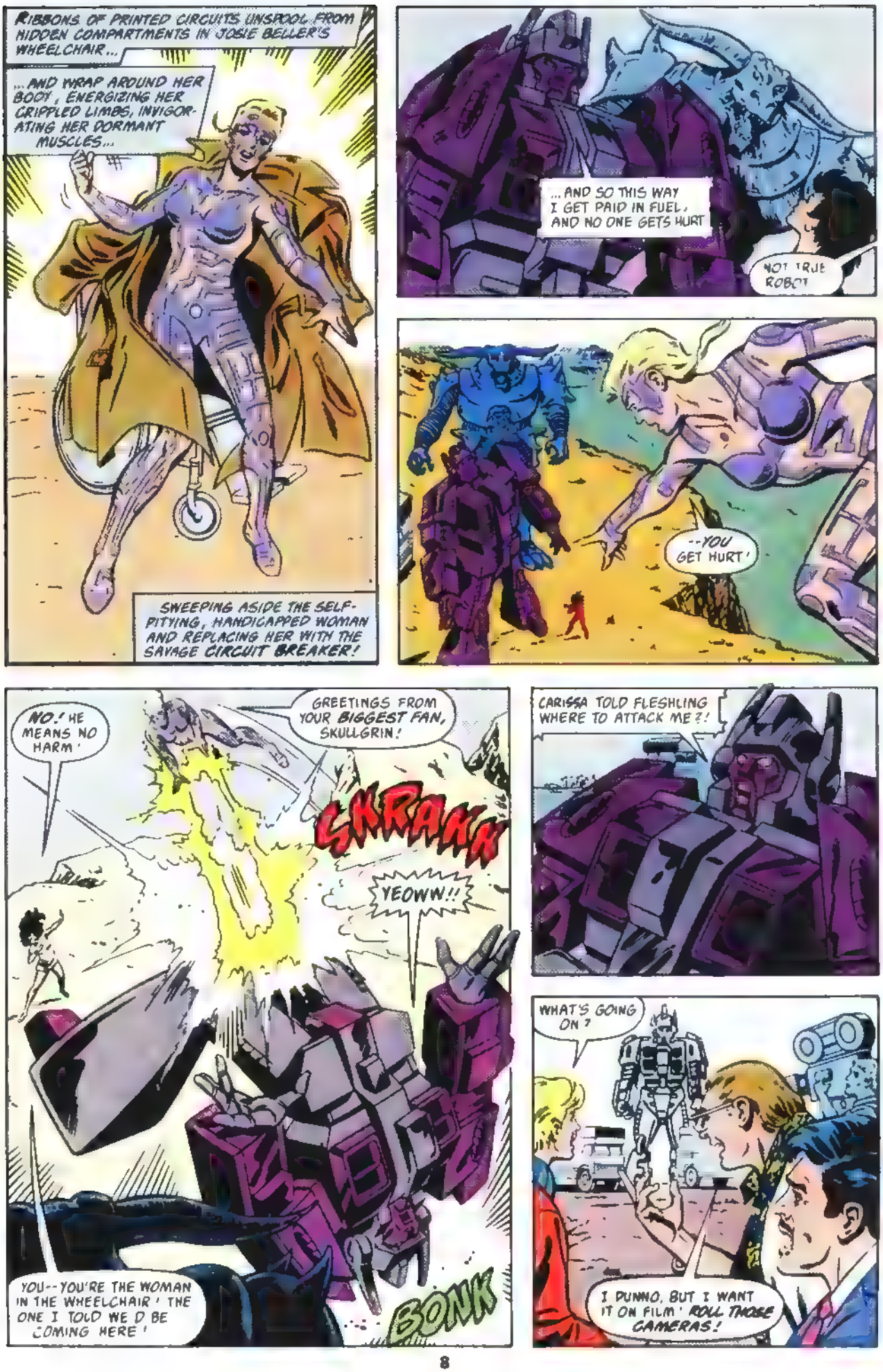
MEANWHILE OUTSIDE.
THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING SKULLGRIN WILL BE OUT SHORTLY--

TO ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS
I HOPE HE ANSWERS MY QUESTION
WHICH IS WHO OR WHAT... IS HE?
HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A TRANSFORMER... BUT HE'S CERTAINLY THE RIGHT SIZE
HMM... FUEL TANKERS WHY ARE THEY COMING HERE? STRANGE.
AND HERE HE IS SKULLGRIN!
HELLO HUMANS I TALK WITH YOU PEACE BEEN
IS IT TRUE YOU ONLY EAT LIVE ANIMALS?
YOU AND OTHERS LIKE YOU PLAN TO DESTROY US YES OR NO?
ISN'T THE GOVERNMENT COVERING UP DEATHS CAUSED BY A NORTH CAROLINA?
CAN ANYONE BE SAFE AROUND YOU?
LIES! ALL LIES! SKULLGRIN DO NONE OF THIS!
GRARR!
WHIRK
HELP!
HE'LL KILL US ALL!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
NO! HE DOESN'T MEAN TO HURT ANYONE. HE'S JUST FRIGHTENED
SKULLGRIN PLEASE I MEAN NO HARM
GRRR
THERE IS NO REASON FOR VIOLENCE! THE REPORTERS ARE NOT YOUR ENEMIES
I BELIEVE YOU, ARISSA. YOU ALWAYS BEEN MY FRIEND
STOP

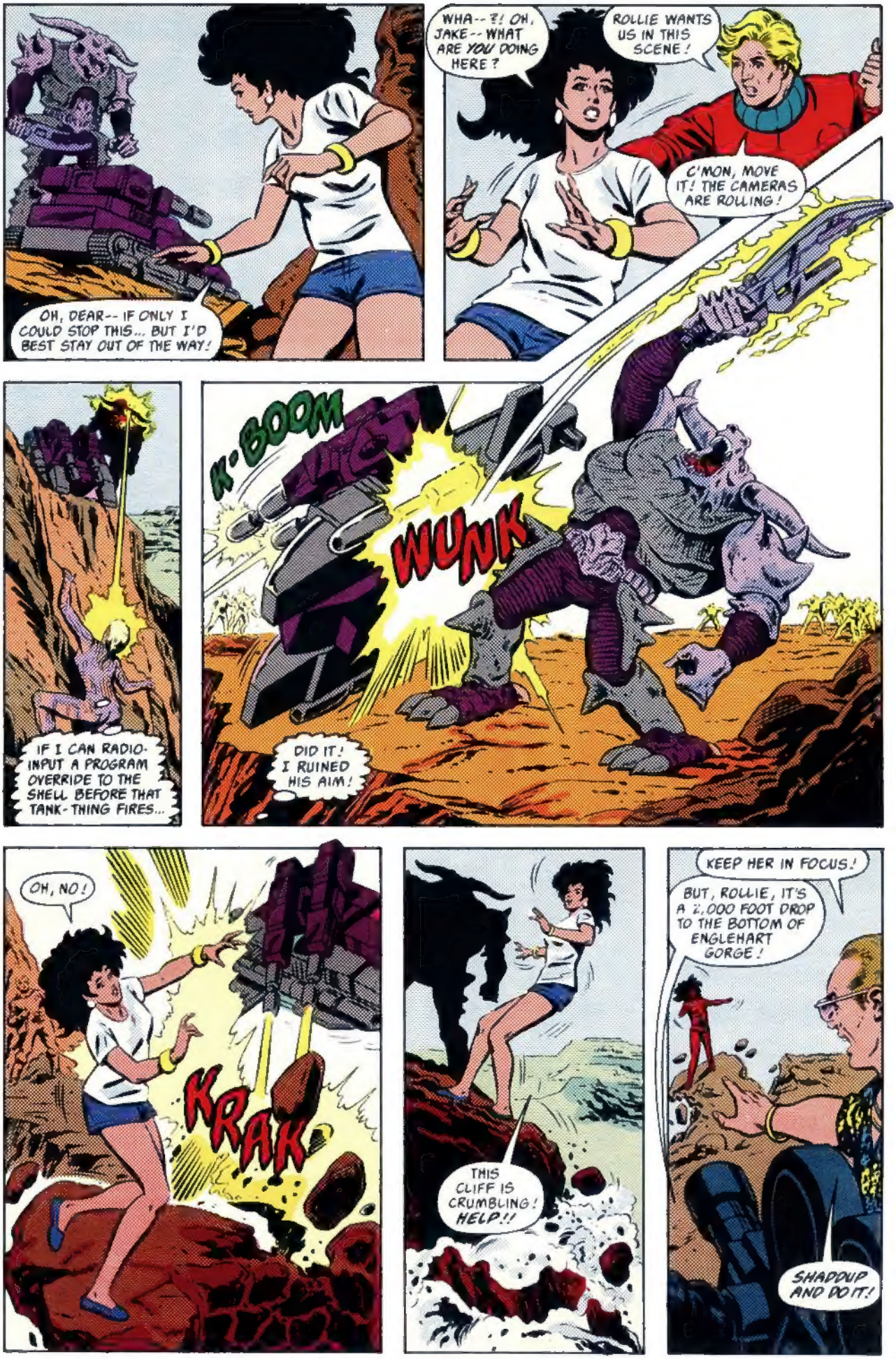
THIS S A FAIRY TALE COME TO LIFE, LIKE "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"!
WE COULDN'T BUY PUBLICITY THIS GOOD, MITCH!
BUT THINK OF THE PUBLICITY IF SKULLGRIN HAD HURT SOMEONE, ROLLIE
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS WILL BE SKULLGRIN'S LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE UNTIL MONSTER FROM MARS WRAPS. AFTER ALL, WE HAVE A SHOOTING SCHEDULE TO MEET
FROM NOW ON, WE'LL HAVE A CLOSED SET
THE SHOW IS OVER, FOLKS TIME TO LEAVE
NOT ENOUGH TIME TO OBSERVE THE CREATURE
YOU TOO MISS LET'S GO
OH, HERB THERE'S NO NEED TO BE RUDE I'LL SPEAK TO HER
AREN'T YOU CARISSA CARR THE MOVIE ACTRESS?
YOU KNOW WHO I AM? MET!
OF COURSE BUT I MUST CONFESS-- I CAME TO SEE SKULLGRIN. I M H S BIGGEST FAN
I UNDERSTAND. HE S QUITE A STAR
I VE BEEN FOLLOWING HIM ALL OVER TOWN BUT NOW, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL THE MOVIE OPENS TO SEE H M AGAIN, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE
HERE S A LITTLE SECRET-- WE RE LEAVING TONIGHT FOR THE GRAND CANYON TO FILM THE FINALE OF THE MOVIE
. SO YOU WOULD'VE HAD A PROBLEM SEEING HIM AGAIN, ANYWAY
GRAND CANYON? GEE I FEEL BETTER JUST KNOWING WHERE HE'LL BE
TAKE CARE GOING HOME, DEAR .. AND CHEER UP, OKAY?
I'LL TRY MISS CARR. I'LL CERTAINLY TRY

TWO DAYS LATER, ON THE SOUTH RIM OF THE GRAND CANYON
GRAARR!
OH, BRICK, THAT MONSTER IS JUST SO ICKY!
NEVER FEAR CELESTIA JUST TELL ME YOU LOVE ME AND I'LL VANQUISH A BOREN LIKE HIM!
CELESTIA!
OH NO
OH BROTHER
I'M OVER HERE, CELESTIA! YOU WERE ABOUT TO TELL ME YOU LOVE ME! REMEMBER?!
CUT! CUT! BREAK TIME, EVERYONE!
WHO HIRED YOU TWO TO REWRITE THE SCRIPT?!
GET OUTTA MY SIGHT
SHE'S GONE!
WE WILL NOT BE TREATED LIKE ANIMALS, ROLLIE!
DON'T WORRY, I WOULDN'T TREAT YAS THAT GOOD!
C'MON, SKULLGRIN -- WE MAY AS WELL RELAX TILL ROLLIE COOLS DOWN
YOU CARE ABOUT ME, CARISSA I LIKE THAT
SURE WE ACTORS HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER
MUCH PRESSURE IN MAKING MOVIES YOU GOOD DEALING WITH IT
ME? NAH I'M ALMOST AS NEW TO THIS BUSINESS AS YOU


BUT I UNDERSTAND HOW FRIGHTENING IT CAN BE FOR SOMEONE AS NEW AS YOU I STILL FEEL THAT WAY SOMETIMES
IF I COME ACROSS FULL OF CONFIDENCE, I'M JUST PRETENDING
JUST LIKE I'M PRETENDING TO BE CARISSA CARR, MOVIE ACTRESS
IT SURE FEELS GOOD TO GET OUT OF THAT RIDICULOUS COSTUME AND BECOME OL' ETHEL STANKIEWICZ AGAIN THAT'S MY REAL NAME
GRAND CANYON
I ALSO PRETEND TO BE SOMETHING I AM NOT
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING DOWN THERE
THIS IS REAL SKULLGRIN
OH MY!
IT FEELS GOOD TO TAKE MY "COSTUME" OFF, TOO!
BUT YOU'RE A ROBOT!
I AM DECEPTICON PRETENDER! MY MISSION WAS TO BUILD FUEL DEPOT BUT MY COMMANDER LET ME WORK HERE SINCE ROLLIE PAYS ME IN FUEL TANKERS. JUST AS GOOD!
OH
AND I LIKE BEING MOVIE STAR
MY SUSPICIONS WERE RIGHT! SKULLGRIN IS REALLY A TRANSFORMER!
AND ALL TRANSFORMERS MUST BE DESTROYED
BZZZ
COSTUME ON


RIBBONS OF PRINTED CIRCUITS UNSPOOL FROM HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS IN JOSIE BELLER'S WHEELCHAIR...
...AND WRAP AROUND HER BODY, ENERGIZING HER CRIPPLED LIMBS, INVIGORATING HER DORMANT MUSCLES...
SWEEPING ASIDE THE SELF-PITYING, HANDICAPPED WOMAN AND REPLACING HER WITH THE SAVAGE CIRCUIT BREAKER!
...AND SO THIS WAY I GET PAID IN FUEL, AND NO ONE GETS HURT
NOT TRUE ROBOT
--YOU GET HURT!
NO! HE MEANS NO HARM!
GREETINGS FROM YOUR BIGGEST FAN, SKULLGRIN!
SKRAKK
YEOWW!!
YOU--YOU'RE THE WOMAN IN THE WHEELCHAIR! THE ONE I TOLD WE'D BE COMING HERE!
BONK
CARISSA TOLD FLESHLING WHERE TO ATTACK ME?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I DUNNO, BUT I WANT IT ON FILM! ROLL THOSE CAMERAS!

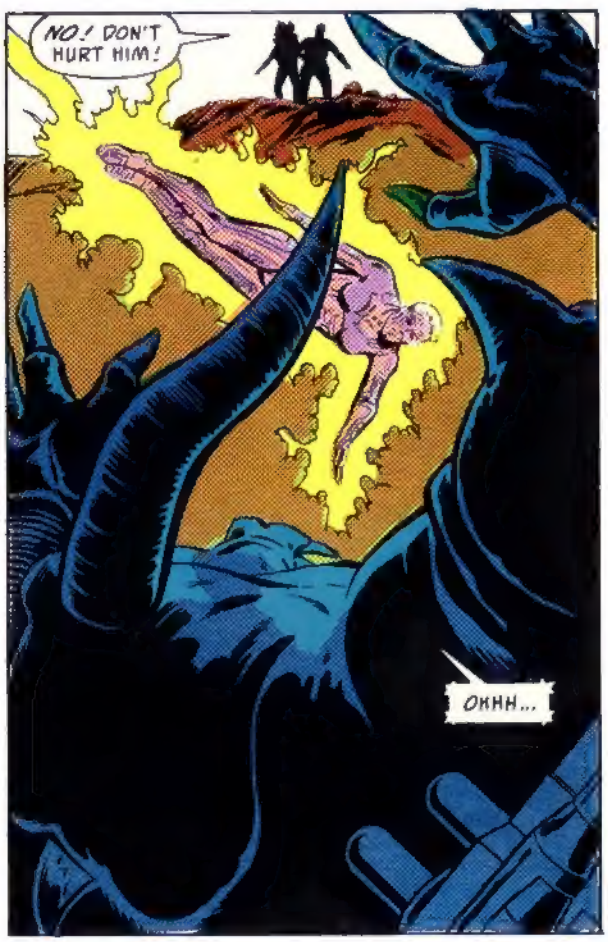
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE HERO OF THIS MOVIE, BABE!
ACT LIKE YOU'RE FIGHTING THAT THING!
B-BUT I MIGHT GET HURT OVER THERE!
YOU WILL GET HURT OVER HERE! MOVE IT!
B-BUT THIS ISN'T IN THE SCRIPT!
IT'S IN YOUR CONTRACT! AND I SEE TO IT THAT CONTRACT-BREAKERS NEVER WORK IN THIS BUSINESS AGAIN!
I-I'LL IMPROVISE.
I UNDERESTIMATED YOU, ROBOT! MY ELECTRO-BLAST KNOCKED YOU DOWN...
CLAP
.. BUT YOU OBVIOUSLY MAINTAIN SOME RADIO CONTROL OVER THIS MONSTROUS SHELL.
BUT ITS PONDEROUS MOVEMENTS ARE EASILY AVOID--
--YAAGGH!!
SKULLGRIN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
VIBRO-SWORD'S ENERGY FIELD ONLY GRAZED FLESHLING
IN VEHICLE MODE, I FINISH HER OFF FOR GOOD WITH SHRAPNEL BLASTERS!
;OOF!;
THUMP
OOH .. THAT HURT AT LEAST MY CIRCUITRY ABSORBED MOST OF THE IMPACT
UH-OH--THE ROBOT'S TRANSFORMED!


OH, DEAR-- IF ONLY I COULD STOP THIS... BUT I'D BEST STAY OUT OF THE WAY!
WHA--?! OH, JAKE-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ROLLIE WANTS US IN THIS SCENE!
C'MON, MOVE IT! THE CAMERAS ARE ROLLING!
IF I CAN RADIO-INPUT A PROGRAM OVERRIDE TO THE SHELL BEFORE THAT TANK-THING FIRES...
K-BOOM
WUNK
DID IT! I RUINED HIS AIM!
OH, NO!
KRAK
THIS CLIFF IS CRUMBLING! HELP!!
KEEP HER IN FOCUS!
BUT, ROLLIE, IT'S A 2,000 FOOT DROP TO THE BOTTOM OF ENGLEHART GORGE!
SHADDUP AND DO IT!

YOU WORK FOR ME, BABE, REMEMBER?
BOY-O-BOY, THIS IS GREAT STUFF!
MY RADIO COMMANDS TO SHELL INTERFERED WITH. BEST WE RECOMBINE.
ALMOST THERE.
AND WHEN I'M WITHIN RANGE OF THE IRON IN HIS BODY, I'LL BE ABLE TO ELECTROMAGNETICALLY LEVITATE MYSELF AGAIN.
SKULLGRIN, PLEASE-- HELP ME!
YOU BETRAY ME! YOU LEAD ATTACKER TO ME!
THE NAME IS CIRCUIT BREAKER!
THEN WE FINISH BATTLE, CIRCUIT BREAKER!
SKULL-GRIN--!
IF I LET CARISSA FALL TO HER DEATH... I WOULDN'T BE ANY BETTER THAN THE TRANS-FORMER WHO CRIPPLED ME.
SAVE THE WOMAN, SKULLGRIN! SHE NEVER HELPED ME. SHE NEVER DID ANYTHING TO HARM YOU.
HELP!!
I SORRY I DOUBT YOU, CARISSA.
FRIEND SHOULD NEVER DOUBT FRIEND.
CELESTIA, MY DARLING...

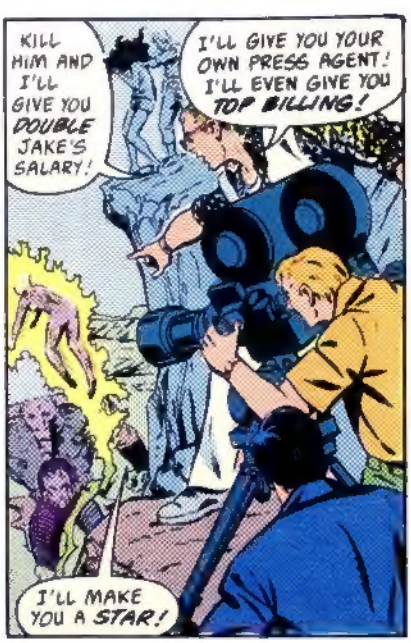
...THOUGH I BATTLED DANGERS MOST DIRE, DESPAIR NOT...
...FOR NO FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE CAN STOP ME FROM RESCUING MY ONE TRUE LOVE!
HUH??

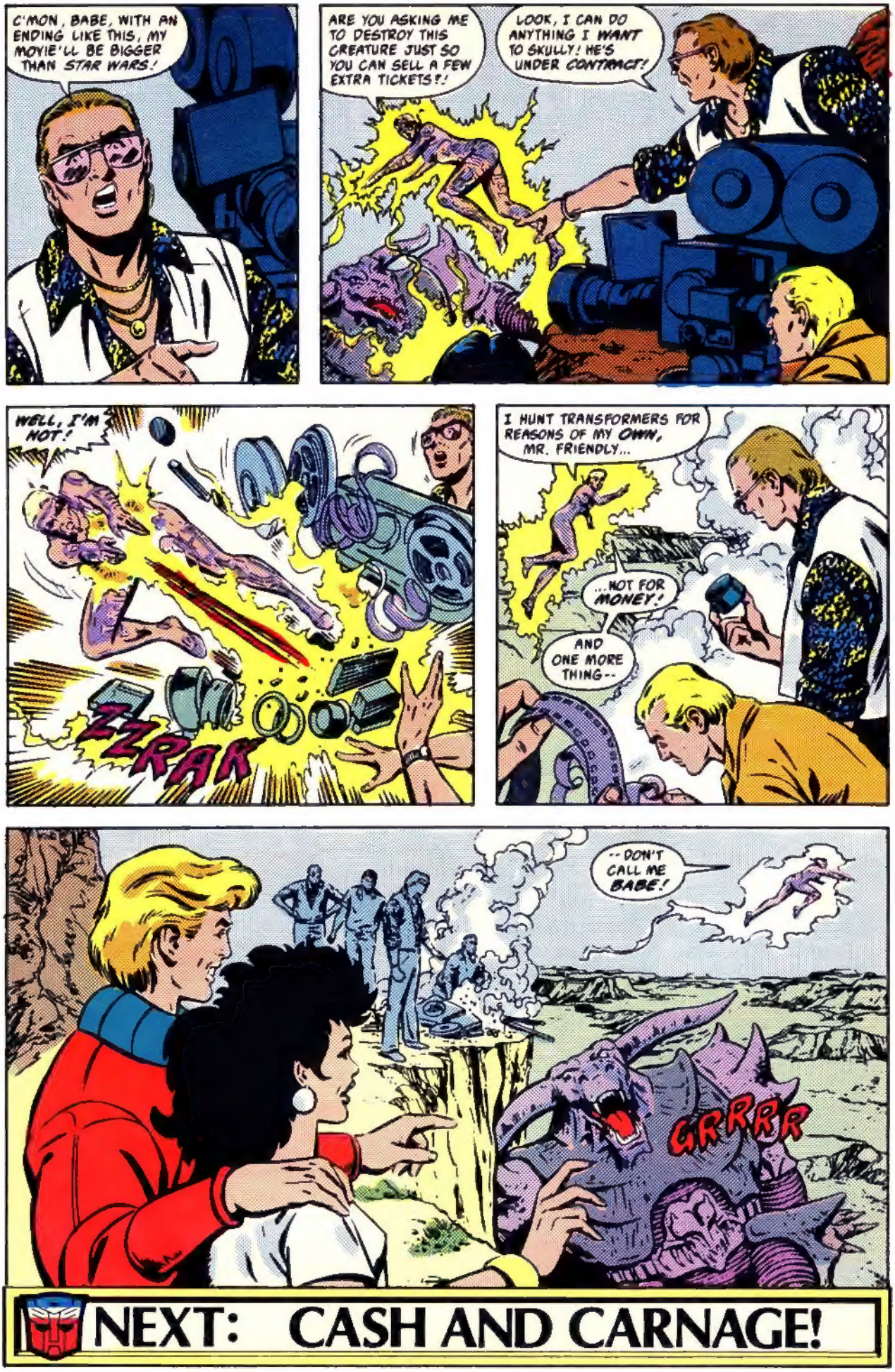
THE CEASE-FIRE IS OVER, ROBOT. NOW YOU DIE!
SK RAKK
UNGGH!!


NO! DON'T HURT HIM!
OKHH...

SORRY, BUT AS SOON AS MY CIRCUITS RECHARGE, I'M MAKING THIS TRANSFORMER PERMANENTLY OBSOLETE!

BUT HE MEANT NO HARM! HE NEVER HURT ANYONE!


KILL HIM AND I'LL GIVE YOU DOUBLE JAKE'S SALARY!
I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR OWN PRESS AGENT! I'LL EVEN GIVE YOU TOP BILLING!
I'LL MAKE YOU A STAR!


C'MON, BABE, WITH AN ENDING LIKE THIS, MY MOVIE'LL BE BIGGER THAN STAR WARS!
ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DESTROY THIS CREATURE JUST SO YOU CAN SELL A FEW EXTRA TICKETS?!
LOOK, I CAN DO ANYTHING I WANT TO SKULLY! HE'S UNDER CONTRACT!
WELL, I'M NOT!
ZZRAK
I HUNT TRANSFORMERS FOR REASONS OF MY OWN, MR. FRIENDLY...
...NOT FOR MONEY!
AND ONE MORE THING--
--DON'T CALL ME BABE!
GRRRR
NEXT: CASH AND CARNAGE!